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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated January 30, 2002, submitted herewith is the required Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Also enclosed are the PTO surcharge of \$130.00, required by 37 CFR 1.16(e), and a copy of the Notice.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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*The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.*

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